

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-53 were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly eleven patentably distinct species¹ in the above-identified application and has required restriction to one of those species.

Applicants' Response

The undersigned contacted Examiner Duverne on October 21, 2004 via telephone to discuss the October 5, 2004 Office Action. In particular, the undersigned informed the Examiner that the species shown in FIGS. 38-46 of the patent application was not listed in the Office Action. The Examiner confirmed that this was just an oversight, and that the species of FIGS. 38-46 could be elected.

Accordingly, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species of FIGS. 38-46. Applicant submits that claim 1-53 are readable on the species of FIGS. 38-46.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Authorization

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this Reply, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

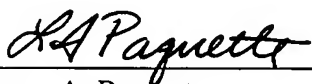
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Director is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby

¹ As will be described in "Applicant's Response," the Examiner confirmed in an October 21, 2004 telephone call that the Office Action inadvertently listed only ten species, when eleven species should have been listed.

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